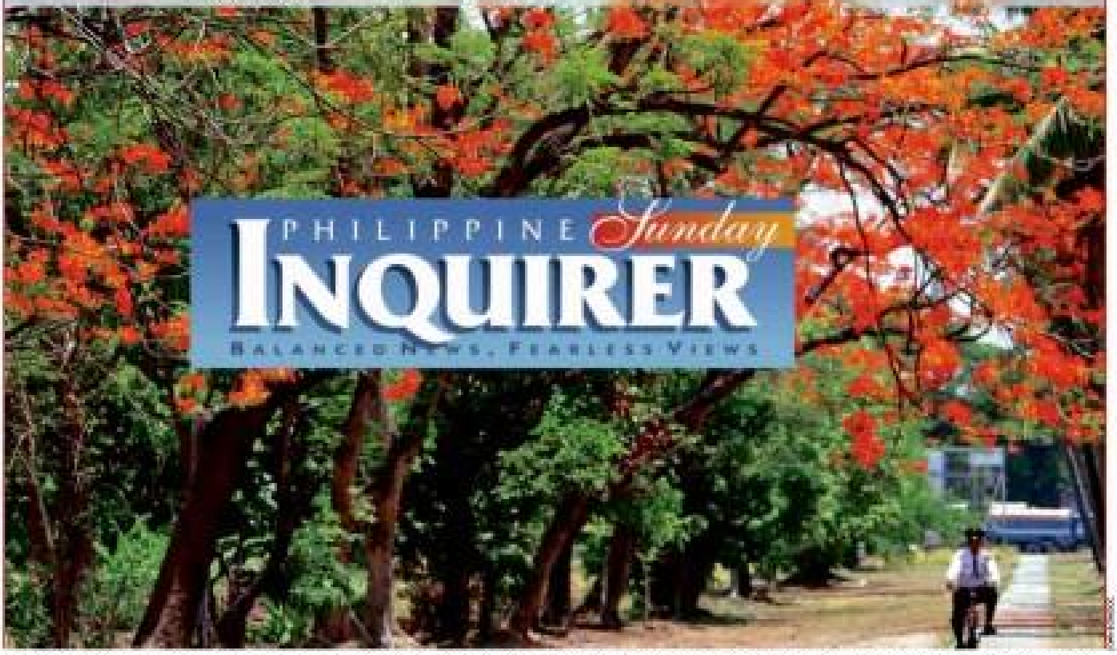
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PHILIPPINE Sunday INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

TREES ABLAZE Summer may jack up the temperature, but it also brings out the best in the University of the Philippines' famous fire trees. Check out the canopies of crimson in full bloom in various sites on the UP Diliman campus.

Nightmare on Times St.

Neighbors raise traffic, safety woes if Noy stays home

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE JURY'S STILL OUT ON THE QUESTION OF MALAcañang moving into Times Street in suburban West Triangle, Quezon City.

While the neighbors of presumptive president-elect Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III were all-out for him during the campaign and on Election Day itself, some of them said they hoped that he would reconsider his announced plan to live in his modest residence during his term.

They pointed out that apart from the No. 1 problem of keeping a President safe and secure, there would be a traffic nightmare whenever Aquino traveled to and from the upper middle class neighborhood.

"What if bombs are set off and some of his neighbors get hurt? It would be on his conscience. I don't think he would want that," businessman Juancho Estebán, a member of the West Triangle Homeowners II Association, said in an interview at the Hearts of Jesus and Mary parish church.

"He should wake up and realize that he is now the President of the republic," Estebán said. "He shouldn't be pesty and he should stop being a baby. He should be practical, smell the roses."

Aquino yesterday said his neighbors had been "very supportive," and that he would make "the final decision" after he had concluded consultations with them.

NIGHTMARE A14

Aquino on 7.3% growth: Campaign funds did it, not GMA's economics

THIS FORMER STUDENT OF PRESIDent Macapagal-Arroyo is not impressed by her administration's boast of a 7.3-percent growth in the economy.

Presumptive president-elect Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III, who had Ms Arroyo as an economics teacher at the Ateneo de Manila University, yesterday pointed out that the increase in the gross domestic product was primarily due to campaign spending for the May 10 elections.

"Economic figures for the first quarter are inflated by the campaign spending and hence can't be claimed as the result of wise economic policies," he said.

Aquino's view was similar to that aired by two other senators and the militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan).

Ms Arroyo said on Friday that her successor should build on her administration's economic achievements.

AQUINO A8

First blind Pinoy makes it to US study program

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

HE MAY HAVE LOST HIS EYESIGHT but not his determination to make the world see that going blind is not the end for a young man on a quest to better himself.

So 24-year-old Erick Mario Ramos will not just be finishing his education course at the Philippine Normal University, he can also look forward to a year of study in the United States under the exchange study program.

Mario is the first blind student to qualify for the program, according to Dr. Esmeralda Cunanan, executive director of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (Paef) which

FIRST A17



NEVER TOO OLD Consuelo "Lola Itong" Dancel-Sison holds her master's degree diploma from the Lyceum of the Philippines University during graduation rites in April.

4 Gs keep this oldest (89) graduate going

By Rina Jimenez David

LAST APRIL, DURING THE graduation ceremonies of the Lyceum of the Philippines University, as the names of the candidates for the master's degree were being called, the undergraduates and their families all rose and cheered as Consuelo D. Sison was called to the stage.

To wild applause and exclamations of "How cute!" she ascended the stage and soon, the reason for the unusual reception became obvious.

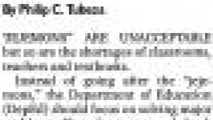
Consuelo "Lola Itong" Dancel-Sison is 89 and arguably the oldest graduate in this year's batch. Except for bouts of bursitis (inflammation in the area around her knees), she is perhaps among the healthiest.

Lola Itong received her master's degree in educational management with a dissertation based on her experiences as a teacher during the Japanese occupation. How she managed to earn her master's is a story in itself.

About two years ago, she was attending a forum at the Lyceum in Intramuros where then Isabela Gov. Grace Padaca was the keynoter. During the open forum, Lola Itong stood up and expressed admiration for the governor, who had successfully overcome an entrenched dynasty in the province. (Unfortunately that same dynastic power managed to defeat Padaca in this year's polls.)

In the course of singing praises for Padaca, Lola Itong "voiced a wish to be considered an alumnus of Lyceum just like

4 GS A11



EoWz pOwH! B kEwl 2 'jejemons,' DepEd told

By Philip C. Tubeza

"JEJEMONS" ARE UNACCEPTABLE but so are the shortages of classrooms, teachers and textbooks.

Instead of going after the "jejemons," the Department of Education (DepEd) should focus on solving major problems like classroom and book

EOWZ POWH A11

Inquirer still No. 1 with 1.2M nat'l urban readers

THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER maintained its position as the No. 1 newspaper in the country, with increases in readership in Balance Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao, according to the latest survey of The Nielsen Co.

The Nielsen Media Index results for the first quarter of 2010 found that the Inquirer was the newspaper of choice of about half of Filipinos (47.2 percent) in National Urban Philippines who said they had read a broadsheet the day before.

National Urban Philippines covers Metro Manila and 21 key cities in the country.

Of those surveyed, 42.9 percent said they read the Manila Bulletin, while 30 percent said they read the Philippine Star.

This translates to 1.2 million readers for the Inquirer, 1.1 million readers for the Bulletin and 740,000 for the Star, according to Nielsen.

The Inquirer led in Balance Luzon with readership of 48 percent, up from 40.7 percent in the previous quarter. Bulletin was second with 42.1 percent, and Star third with 24.6 percent.

The Inquirer also led in the Visayas with 69.1 percent, up from 67.1 percent in the last quarter of 2009, while Star and Bulletin took 40 percent and 17.1 percent, respectively.

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Upload ballots on Web, says IT expert

SHOW 'EM THE (DIGITAL) BALLOTS!

With doubts being cast on the accuracy of the voting machines and the transmission system used in the country's first automated election, an information technology (IT) expert yesterday proposed that the ballots that were the source of the votes be uploaded online for everyone to see.

Palace confident of proclamation timeline

By TJ Burgonio

Noynoy: No Cabinets' meet

Aquino calls LP meeting on Senate presidency

By Michael Lim Ubac







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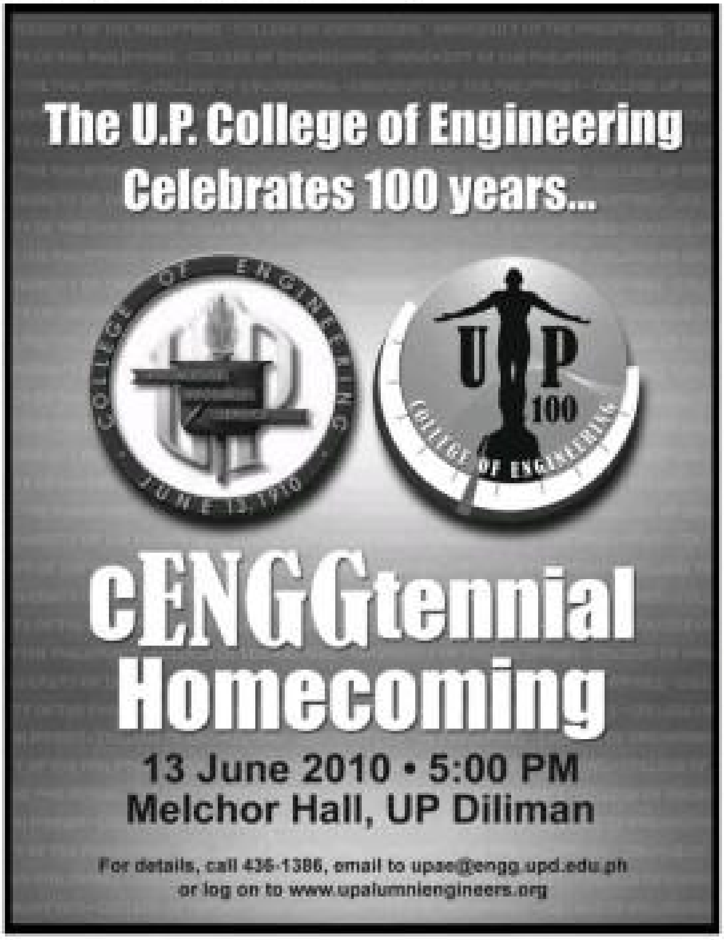
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Neri fate up to court, not GMA, says Malacañang

Now it's e-mails between Puno, poll execs on 'cheating'

Ouster of top party-list group sought



THE DAILY GOSPEL

Advance man for GMA visit dies in China

'MILF statement blaming gov't unfair'





Aquino on 7.3% growth: Campaign funds did it, not GMA



UN: RP failing in goal to stop AIDS



RP draws kudos at 'no nukes' meet

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SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

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MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

Destiny and legacy, not dynasty

With Due Respect

Antonio T. Pangalangan



Crowned

Method To Madness

Patricia Evangelista



Freedom of Information now!

At Large

Rina Jimenez-David



Thailand's lessons for China

World View

Daniel A. Bell



> Confucians do not oppose electoral democracy, but they argue that it must be constrained by meritocratically selected political leaders

TALK of the TOWN



STORIES FROM YELLOW VOLUNTEERS

Giving birth to Bicol people power

How the Zambales volunteers did it

4 Gs keep this oldest (89) graduate going

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EoWz pOwH!

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INQUIRER Mindanao



RAFAEL Seguis, head of the government peace panel, and Yusuf Kalla, former Indonesian vice president, exchange ideas during a forum on the Mindanao peace process at a Makati City hotel.

Fresh whiffs of hope for Mindanao peace

By Ryan D. Rosauro

IN A STREET CORNER in Marawi City's downtown area, a tattered sack used as a streamer defiantly flutters amid campaign

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Stay yellow

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Inner circle

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Across the NATION

Bare hands, big hearts build new homes over typhoon ruins

By Yolanda Sotelo
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BANI, PANGASINAN—IN A VALLEY IN BARANgay Dakap here, hundreds of men and women have joined hands to rebuild their lives from the devastation of a typhoon that flattened their village last year.



WITH bare hands, no modern equipment and a lot of heart, typhoon victims build a new community near the one that was destroyed by Typhoon "Emong" almost a year ago in Bani, Pangasinan.

"Emong" victims

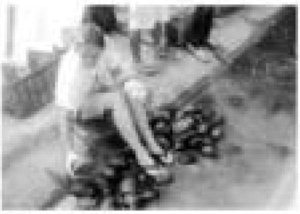
Bonding

No cash

"Little Boracay"

Enumerators lack forms for census in Maguindanao

COTABATO CITY—ENUMERATORS are running out of forms for the 2010 census of population and housing (CPH) in Maguindanao, officials said yesterday.



DR. SABINE Schoppe, a wildlife biologist, conducts an inventory of the endangered freshwater turtles confiscated by authorities on Thursday in a farm in San Vicente, Palawan. The turtles are considered to be critically endangered and are highly sought after in the illegal wildlife pet trade.

Crackdown set vs poachers after raid on Palawan farm

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—GOVERNMENT authorities are set to crack down on a group of poachers financed by a Chinese-led group that preys on Palawan wildlife.

Dead in transit

Rare species

$1,000 a piece

Inquirer still No. 1 with 1.2M nat'l urban readers



Nightmare on Times Street



THE FAVORITE UNCLE



An honor

God forbid

Going home

'Kapitbahay' movement



ENCOUNTERS



THE TORCH IS PASSED

First blind Pinoy makes it to US study program

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administers the exchange study program as well as the Fulbright scholarship program in the Philippines.

Marco is one of nine college students from the Philippines who qualified for a grant to study for a year in different US universities, starting this September, under the US State Department's Global Undergraduate Exchange Program.

This is the third year that the Philippines will be sending undergraduate scholars to the US under the program which provides scholarship grants to undergraduates in 21 countries.

Eager to go

Though his mother Ramona is apprehensive, this being the first time for Marco to live away from the family, Marco is eager to go.

"Our country is still very much behind in helping visually impaired people in terms of technology. I know I can contribute to the community what I will learn in the program," he said.

Marco has been helping the community in his own way. He gives free computer lessons to blind children during his free time.

Not having been born blind, losing his eyesight was a painful, emotional ordeal for Marco.

Marco was one of a pair of twin brothers, one died at birth. Marco survived but developed congenital retinopathy, an eye defect common among premature babies.

He began wearing glasses at age 4. His left eye could still see clearly. But when he turned 10, his parents were told that Marco would eventually go completely blind.

His vision deteriorated further, but he still consistently won honors in school. When he began feeling pain in his eyes, that was the beginning of his blindness. At 13, he had to stop school completely.

"Why me?"

It was a painful blow for a boy who loved to read and preferred watching National Geographic instead of cartoons.



BLIND YOUNG MAN WITH A VISION, MISSION Marco [illegible] (extreme left) with fellow exchange students.

"God, why me?" he would cry out in his prayers.

Marco refused his parents' encouragement for him to learn Braille lessons. He locked himself in his room and slept all day.

He would yell at his parents: "I am not blind! I am not blind!"

His parents wanted to look for special schools but Marco said he no longer wanted to study.

The arguments with his parents became more frequent.

But the morning after a night of quarreling, his mother Ramona would find a letter on the dining table, saying, "Mommy, I am sorry for what happened last night."

Eventually, Marco came out of his dark mood. In his anguish, he knew that his frustration came from his having been able to see before and knowing what he was missing. But he also knew that it meant he would be well-equipped if he should decide to continue with his studies.

"I just realized I was out of the denial stage. I knew that I needed to go back to school," he said.

College in regular school

He first went to the Resources for the Blind, a non-profit charitable organization serving the blind.

In 2007, he went to the Adaptive Technology for Rehabilitation, Integration and Empowerment of the Visually Impaired (Atrive), a computer school for the blind.

"My adjustment was very quick. I adapted easily. Those who were born blind have nothing to compare things with. But I have spatial concepts. I have color concepts," Marco said.

He also found in Atrive an excellent support group.

"They are regular people. It just so happens that they cannot see," he said.

Two years later, Marco was in college, choosing to go to a regular school with classmates who are sighted. In any case, there are no colleges offering degrees for blind people in the country, he said.

He channeled his initial apprehension into working very hard at his lessons. Not a big fan of audio books, he preferred to scan books into his computer and read them using software that can read out manuscripts.

Sometimes his mother would read the books aloud into a tape recorder, and he would listen to the recordings.

His mother quit her job at a bank so she could be with Marco full-time.

Instead of written test papers, Marco took oral exams. Sometimes, his mother, who accompanies him to school every day, or even his professors, would read out the questions to him.

No special treatment

"I work very hard. I don't want people to say that because of my condition, I am getting special treatment. I always exert extra effort in my studies," he says.

Soon he was getting along very well with his classmates. "They did not know how to approach me so I visited all of the classes," Marco said.

He became very active in extracurricular activities. He joined the school's debating team. He also ran for student council.

Seeing how hard he was working, one of his professors who was a Fulbright alumna, encouraged Marco to apply for the US exchange study program.

The program claims to be "open to all academic fields of study and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national and ethnic origin or disability."

According to Casanas, the exchange program seeks to "give opportunities to under-represented members and sectors of society."

But when Paul saw Marco's application, Casanas herself wasn't sure if completely blind students were eligible. Though initially surprised at Marco's interest, the US office later declared that Marco was eligible to apply.

He ended up as one of the nine successful recipients of grants, chosen from more than 40 applicants.

Very deep and articulate

Marco went through the normal process but what stood out was his being a "very deep individual," said Casanas.

"He sensed in well-thought context and expressed himself in articulate language during his interview," she said.

Marco will be studying at the University of Indiana for one academic year.

The other participants in the exchange study program for 2010-2011 are Dale de Jesus and Richard Roberto (University of the Philippines-Diliman); Lee Galang (Ateneo de Manila University); Renato Mar Yee (Central Philippine University); Jan Lord Lamalbo (Mariano Marcos State University); Ryan Louis Madrid (Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan); Rosalyn Quinones (University of St. La Salle); and Erika Marie Ramos (Adamson University).

Twelve students have also been granted Fulbright scholarships to pursue graduate studies in the US starting this year. They are Angela Mae Bumalo, Michael Casaca, Alessandra de Leon, Irma Flores, Maricath Gomingo, Mikaela Fudolig, Abdulnasir Imam Jr., Noel Refran, Emily Salesky, Catherine Sarah Young, Lawrence Epil and this author.

Do a GMA, forge ahead, Malacañang tells Noynoy

Anticorruption platform

Stronger peso

Aplus METRO



"JACK" takes first prize

TATTOO ART

Not just skin deep

By Joannette I. Andrade

TATTOO ARTISTS AND COLlectors gathered recently in Manila to celebrate the art of transforming skin into masterpieces, glorifying a culture that pre-dates Christianity in the country.

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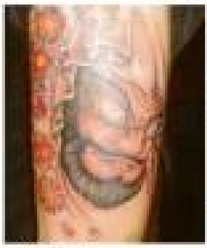
Removing stigma

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"Tattoo is an art form. It is rendered by artists using skin as canvas. Collectors want to experience this art on their own skin," the event organizer explained, adding that tattoos are basically accessories, much like jewelry.

She emphasized that owning a tattoo kit—needles and ink—and knowing how to draw does not make a tattoo artist.

NOT JUST A22



A JAPANESE story

Strong winds push workers down condo



LUNETA ROCKIN' AND JUMPIN'

MMDA installs 20 cameras vs floods

THE METROPOLITAN MANILA Development Authority (MMDA) has installed closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras to monitor floods that might hit the metropolis.

METROBRIEFS

Killer claims abuse

Two fires hit San Juan, QC

3 bodies found in Pasay



"GOD OF WAR"

Not just ...

Safety first

Tattoo 'underground'

Best work of the night

Judge in Ivler trial holds on to case



GLOBAL Pinoy

Middle East hoteliers praise Filipino PR skills



Yasmine Hidalgo was named the Highly Commended PR and Marketing Person of the Year at the 2009 Hotelier Middle East Awards

A passion for people led her to one of the most glamorous jobs in the region

Advocating change does not mean condoning illegal acts

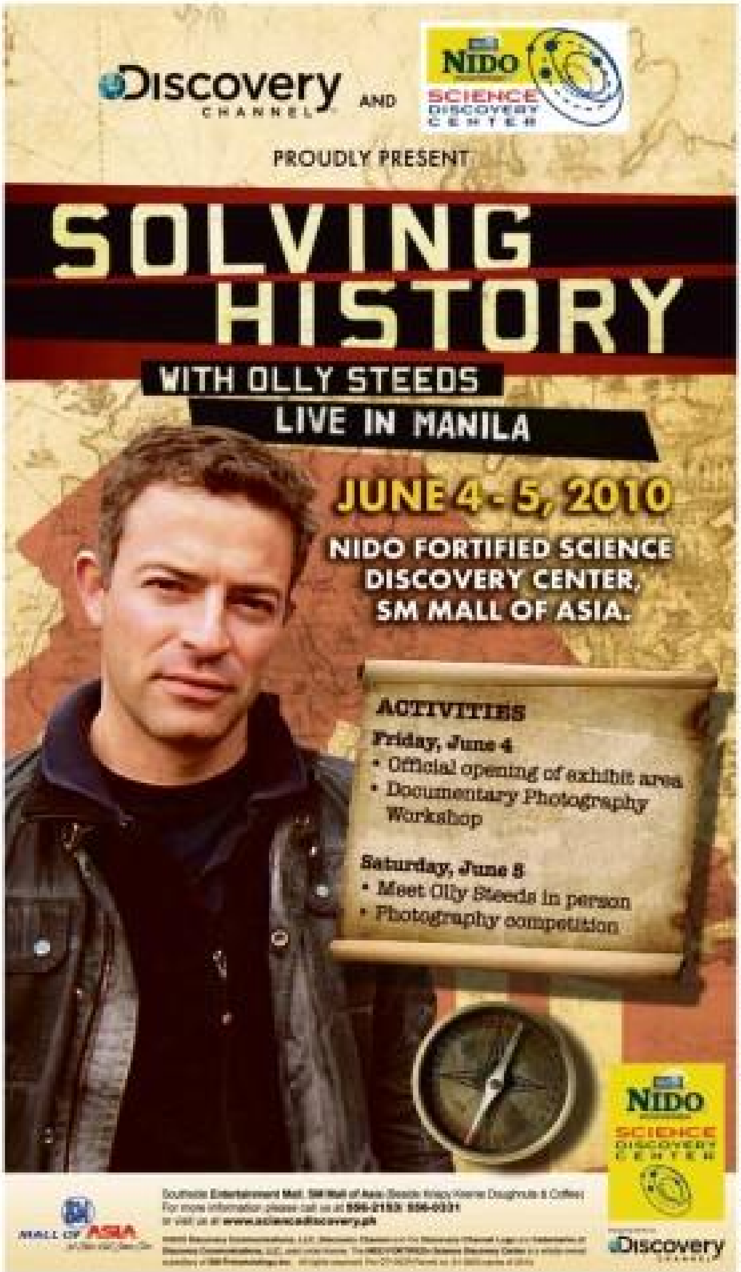


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The WORLD

Obama steps up fight against oil spill

GRAND ISLE, LOUISIANA—ENGINEERS TRIED on Saturday to plug an oil gush spewing crude into the Gulf of Mexico after US President Barack Obama visited the disaster area and vowed never to abandon those imperiled by it.



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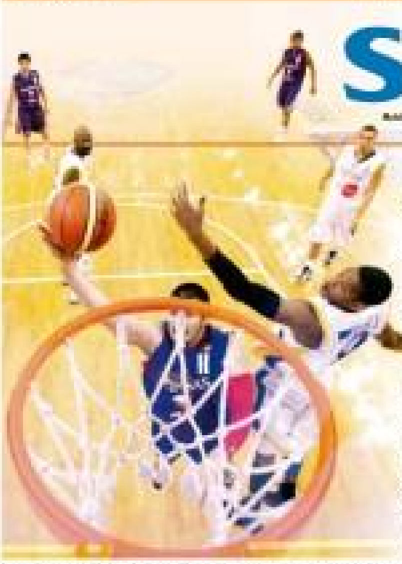
189 nations reaffirm goal of ban on nuclear weapons

N. Korea rejects evidence over sinking of S. Korean ship

Attackers strike sect mosques in Pakistan; 80 dead

Thailand lifts curfew after calm returns to Bangkok

Gary Coleman, star of 'Diff'rent Strokes,' dies at 42



Sunday SPORTS

Al Riyadi boots out tired Smart Gilas 5

Rampaging Ginebra tackles Rain or Shine



Arum wants Manny oath-taking aired globally

Gomez takes on Laylo; So battles Antonio

By Roy Luarca

Tamaraws trip NCAA champs; Lions triumph



Dy owns rich players' stable

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

SPORTSWATCH

Aguilar, Buncio renew rivalry



Desipeda, Tolreo top Riviera golf

Who will defend the PSC-La Salle agreement?

BARE EYE



Recah Trinidad

RACING TIPS



Alcala tabs Maldives badminton finals berth



Parade of champs

Marquee tennis names stamp their class in Paris clay courts

Celestino captures Faldo Series jungolf crown

Sunday Sports

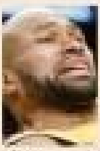
Celtics punch ticket to finals

Pierce, Robinson provide spark as Boston closes out Orlando

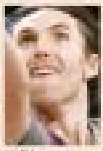


Nash chasing what Fisher has already netted

By Cedelf P. Tupas



FISHER



NASH

Sharks devour Bulls in opener

Paba boldly pursuing Asiad bid

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Independence Day races up

Zambales hosts unique relay run

By Jasmine W. Payo

Red Cubs rout Baby Tams, collect FCBL crown

By Mika Rafaela Barrios

Sunday Biz



FARMER Abel Domoyan shows a cucumber grown in his 500-square-meter organic farm financed by the Cooperative Bank of Benguet.



LOCAL grower Brown Daniels is one of the farmers who go into organic and diversified farming supported by the co-op bank.

It's not just counting the eggs laid by golden goose

By Maurice Malanes
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—COOPERATIVE banking is not just about people organizing themselves and pooling their resources together so they have some money to borrow when the need arises.

"Cooperative banking must also be relevant and responsive to the current issues and concerns of our times, one of which is the challenge brought about by climate change," says Gerry Lab-oyan, general manager of the Cooperative Bank of Benguet.

Established in 1990 with a paid-up share capital of P1.25 million, the first and only cooperative bank of Benguet now has P347,392,167 in net assets (both cash and property). The pioneers of the bank were first oriented by the Land Bank of the Philippines, which sponsored a seminar on how to develop and manage cooperatives.

For Lab-oyan, cooperative banking is not only about counting and accounting the eggs laid by the golden goose.

"It is also about ensuring that the goose remains healthy so it continues to lay those golden eggs," he says.

The golden goose is Lab-oyan's metaphor for the community where members of the Benguet co-op bank are engaged in various businesses.

An environmentalist and a management expert, Lab-oyan is aware of the impact of a deteriorating environment on the Cordillera, especially on Benguet, whose ecosystems are being degraded by extensive commercial vegetable farms and mining.

"So it was not surprising that when Typhoon 'Pepeng' hit us last year, Benguet was among those badly damaged," he says. "The damage, of course, affected our people's livelihood and businesses."

The damage caused by the typhoon in October prompted many borrowers of the bank to seek a moratorium in paying their loans.

Aware of the interconnection between ecology and agriculture-based businesses and livelihood, the bank has embarked on promoting alternatives to commercial vegetable farming and mining.

One of these alternatives is agro-forestry or integrating fruit-bearing and forest trees with farming. This is no wonder why the bank has been supporting initiatives to revive the Arabica coffee industry in Benguet and other parts of the upland region.

Arabica plants only need 25 percent sunlight so they need taller and bigger trees around them. Those who wish to plant Arabica, says Lab-oyan, must also plant "shade and nurse trees" such as alnus, calliandra and pine, and fruit trees such as jackfruit, star apple and other trees.

The bank has thus helped and continues to help farmers, local governments and cooperatives in organizing Arabica coffee councils, says Lab-oyan.

It has also helped the initiatives of the Benguet Organic Coffee Enterprise Limited Inc., a homegrown coffee processing and trading outfit, in reviving centuries-old Arabica plants.

"In helping promote the Arabica industry, we are encouraging people to plant trees, which can also help cool our planet."



THE CO-OP bank has been supporting initiatives to revive the Arabica coffee industry in Benguet.

Now comes group to help 'mompreneurs'

By Annelle S. Tayao

IT USED TO BE UNCOMMON, (usual) for mothers to take up jobs to support their families' needs. Nowadays, however, moms are successfully juggling careers with family life—and a few also find time to manage their own businesses.

Giving these "mompreneurs" (moms entrepreneurs) a nudge in the right direction is Mompreneur Manila, a social network and support group for mothers who are full-time businesswomen. The network is headed by Janice Villanueva and Elaine Verlez, both working moms looking to "inspire and educate" other moms like them.

"Mompreneur Manila is the first of its kind here in the country, as it specifically caters to a unique group of women," says Villanueva. "We want these working mothers to get the support they need for their businesses."

Launched last April at an intimate meet-up at ... The Podium in Ortigas, Mompreneur Manila will teach mompreneurs the basics of running a business—like how to create a sound business concept, and how to properly market its products and services.

Benefits

Talks on Internet Marketing will be available to Mompreneur Manila members, to be facilitated by Janica Diaz, founder and digital publisher of ... Creativity workshops will also be conducted every year.

"We'll also have regular get-togethers so the moms will get to know each other and build their network of mompreneur contacts," Villanueva says.

Members of the group will also get special discounts on publications, e-books and e-newsletters. They will also get privileges and benefits when it comes to participating in promotional events such as expos and trade shows where they can promote their goods. Becoming part of Mompreneur Manila is as easy as signing up on their website, mompreneurmanila.com.

"It's all about giving mompreneurs the right knowledge and exposure for them to become better in their business ventures," Verlez says. So far, Verlez and Villanueva have compiled a database of mompreneurs in Metro Manila.



ELAINE Verlez and Janice Villanueva

Mommy needs most marketing strats

The network is a marriage of Villanueva's longtime experience in providing for mommies' needs and Verlez's strong background in marketing and PR. The Mompreneur Manila partners met two years ago when Verlez, a PR, marketing and lifestyle manager based in Canada, came home to the Philippines.

"My company, PR in Your Pajamas, which I put up 12 years ago, started out as something simple. I wanted a job wherein I would be able to manage my own time. After four years, my income was hitting seven figures," Verlez says.

With her success in PR and marketing, Verlez studied and was certified in 2008 to be a life coach. "All the success I saw experiencing made me want to give something back," she adds. Verlez, 41, has two boys, ages 8 and 2.

Villanueva, on the other hand, mother to three kids (ages 11, 10 and 4), has long been active in providing products and organizing events for mommies. She started with a nursing line in 2006, and soon put up Mommy Manila forum.mompreneur.ph.com, a portal of resources on motherhood and service parenting. Mommy Manila has events like Expo Mom, a trade show for mompreneurs, and Mommy Milkshake Marathon, an annual fun run advocating breast-feeding.

Villanueva is also founder of MomHeart, an organization she created to help moms and families recover from the damage brought about by Typhoon "Ondoy."

"When I first started, all I had for help was my personal assistant," says Villanueva. "So I know how important it is for working moms to get all the support they need."

"In putting up my business, that's really one of the most important things—support," adds Verlez. "It could be emotional, financial, moral—as long as moms are getting the support they need, they'll do fine with their ventures."

Tips

The two accomplished moms share their own tips on handling personal businesses:

"Have a team," says Verlez. "That way, you can delegate tasks to others and focus more on more important matters. Also, manage your time. I can choose to spend an hour on Facebook, or I can use that hour to do more productive things. Be intentional."

"For moms, any business you enter makes your spouse your automatic business partner," Villanueva adds. "It's all about involving him and at the same time delineating your roles in running the business."

"Again, it all comes back to support," Verlez says.

"And passion—your business must work if it's not something you really want to do," Villanueva adds.



It's not just . . .

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...Lab-ogan.

Another thrust of the bank is promoting and helping local folk rediscover their own culture, particularly indigenous food and cuisine.

"The food recipes of our forebears were all natural and diverse," says Lab-ogan. "And what people consume ultimately affects our environment."

"If we go natural, we are actually promoting organic and diversified farming, which is an alternative to chemical-dependent commercial monocropping," he says.

The bank has been collaborating with the La Trinidad government in organizing what it calls "Ethnic Food Festival" as part of the town's annual Strawberry Festival.

The bank is also promoting what Lab-ogan calls "diversified agri-enterprise" and "integrated farming." It helps finance farmers who integrate farming with raising cattle and poultry, especially those who go organic.

"The key is diversity because this is what is good for our environment," Lab-ogan says. "And the more we diversify in our business enterprises, the more we diversify our skills so the bigger chances of success in our endeavors."

The bank may not immediately reap the rewards of what it invested in its various initiatives. "But the returns on investments on the environment and other initiatives related to helping address climate change may come in the long term such as in the form of healthier communities," he says.

"Like any other businesses, cooperative banks must also compete with other financing institutions.

"But in our co-op bank, we are not concerned only with how to stay ahead in the competition but how to be relevant also to the community," Lab-ogan says.

Plastic rules . . .

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with varnish, sewn in the linings, or woven the embroideries for rattan boxes and trays.

The couple sources buri and abaca hemp from Cagayan and from Bohol, Samar.

Even baskets weavers from San Carlos City and other Pangasinan towns buy materials from them, Fernandez says.

She says handicraft products still have a profitable foreign and domestic market in an age where plastic furnishings rule.

"There are still plenty of people who want (crave) and use things made of natural materials, both here and abroad," she says.

The couple has supplied three exporters with rattan crafts which are marketed in Europe, until the global financial meltdown in 2009 stymied the orders to one export buyer.

"Aside from the (rattan) prices sliding, (exporters) don't pay cash or (issue) advance (payments) anymore. They usually issue post-dated checks nowadays, but we prefer cash because we don't have capital to buy the materials or pay our workers," Fernandez says.

Fernandez, Handicrafts usually join trade fairs like the Tiangge ng Norte, which was part of the recent "Bangus Festival" at the Pangasinan Studio in Dagupan City.

Fernandez says their products are also displayed at the provincial tourism office in Lingayen town, at the La Union Trade Center in the Philippine Products Depot, and at the SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City.

Plastic rules but buri and rattan still make profits





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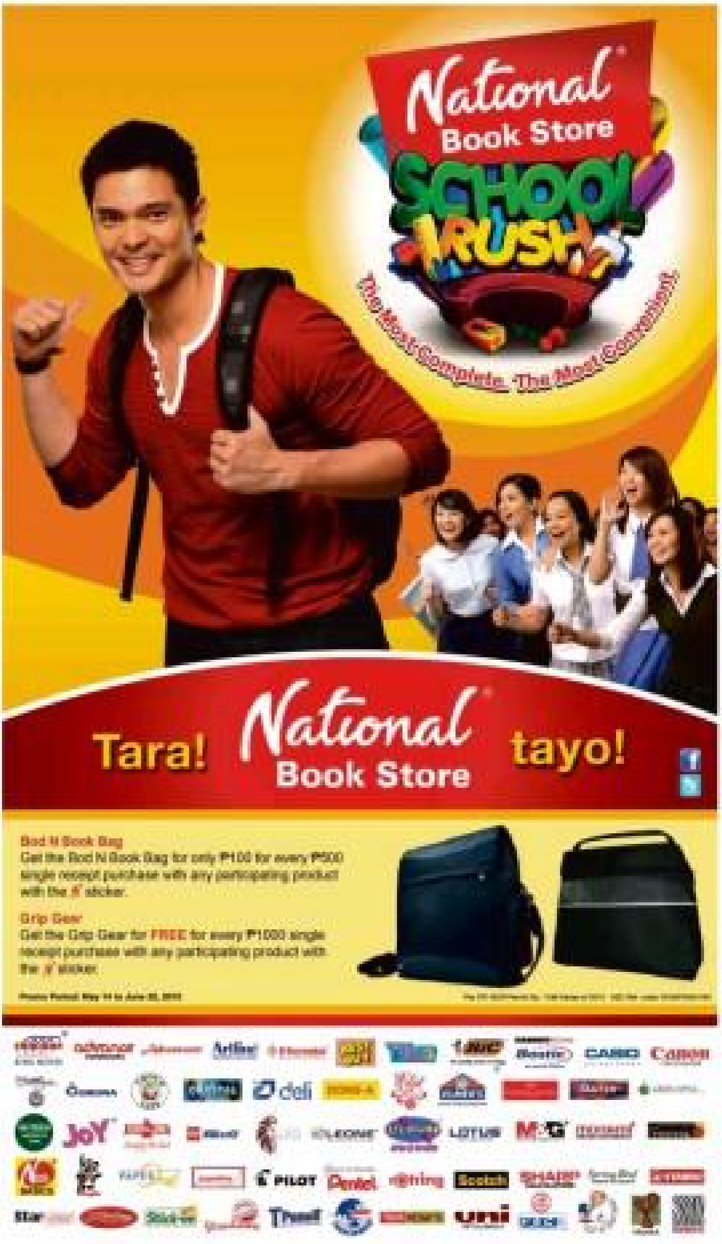
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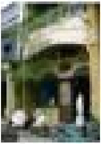




Jaime Zobel speaks before inmates

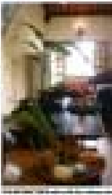
In the graduation speech, his first in 10 years, the tycoon tells the batch–'Hindi ang diploma ang mahalaga, kung hindi ang resulta ng inyong natutunan'







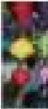
Hoi An—where I breathed the same air as Brendan Fraser











Jaime Zobel speaks . . .

Retiree's vision yields thriving





... table spread



JACKIE Aquino and Teresita de Leon-Gonzalez



JACKIE A., Randy Ortiz, Marlon Garcia, Ramon Ponce Enrile, Jack Garcia and Tonio Tolentino



WITH Randy Ortiz, Jing Monis, JC Buendia, Vic Barba and Renchi Mecon

'Golden Boy' Jackie



WITH Jeff Mirasol and Gary Dobon

TOP FASHION DESIGNER Randy Ortiz knew it was impossible to keep secrets from his bosom friend Jackie Aquino, and thus knew it would be futile to keep Jackie's surprise birthday dinner a surprise. Aquino, therefore, celebrated his 50th birthday at a non-surprise dinner almost two weeks ago. While it was no surprise, it was fun!

Ortiz set up long tables in his chic and roomy condominium unit. The focus of the living room setting was a video monitor, which ran the footage of the recent birthday celebration of another close friend, Ramon Enrile, who turned 50 also this month.

Ortiz, Aquino and Enrile have known each other for three decades now—back to when they were starting in their careers, and were shaking up the scene doing it. Ortiz was cutting his chops in fashion design, Aquino was dabbling in fashion show direction, and Enrile had a fashion retail line.

For more than 20 years, Aquino has built a name in fashion direction. Today he is one of the most sought-after directors of fashion shows and of events. For the past three years, he has been the Inquirer Lifestyle's reliable collaborator in its successful "Run Off" series with Samsung.

From that span of time, Aquino, Ortiz and Enrile gleaned interesting learnings in life—and surely had fun doing it.

Thus, as the video on Aquino ran, his close friends in and out of the fashion industry posted coming into Ortiz's digs, to applaud and chuckle at the greetings and dance numbers being rendered on video by Aquino's friends, staff and family.

After the video, the guests shared a sumptuous buffet of pasta, paella, lechon, and desserts—the San Marco cake brought by Chef Ed Quimson from Kunlin's Petra and Filay ... to cap the fest.

As the evening wore on, the "Golden Boy" Jackie was teary-eyed as he watched his friends and family greet him on video.

"I am proud of you, my son," said his father, the retired Brig. Gen. Ernesto Aquino, on video.

That said it all—a priceless review of Jackie Aquino's life the past half-century.



SAYEN Chi, Jackie A. and JCA staff: Eric, Pablo, JR, Pido, Niño, BJ and Gary

Sunday LIFESTYLE





Fashion, sex, sports—and jewelry that screams 'Tessa!'



TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

THE THEME FOR THIS WEEK'S column was changed at the last minute. What was initially intended to be an all-sports article has now been partly converted to a fashion and beauty story. It is, after all, Fashion Week, and coincidentally, the premiere of "Sex and the City" 2.

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> Hubby seemed to enjoy 'Sex and the City' 2, although he was clearly suffering through most of the fashionista parts

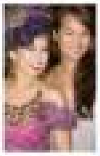
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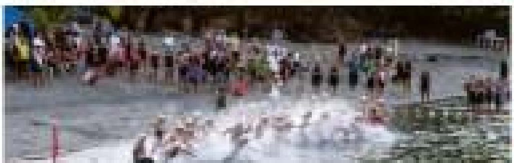















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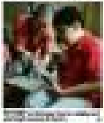
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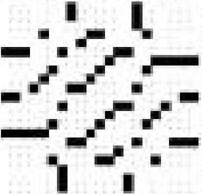




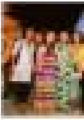




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Boracay resort showcases the products and culture of Western Visayas



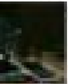


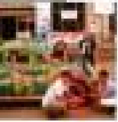


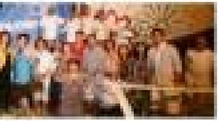














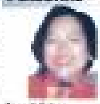
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Ermita celebrates 439th fiesta of Nuestra Señora de Guia

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Our Lady of Manaoag in Cebu

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HOGWARTS castle in all its glory

Now you can live your Harry Potter moments—in newest theme park

From Hogwarts Express to Quidditch tournament, Universal's latest attraction ups the ante on immersive entertainments

THEME PARK ENTHUSIASTS as well as book-lovers and movie fans are bracing themselves for the opening of two of the most immersive attractions in American theme park history.

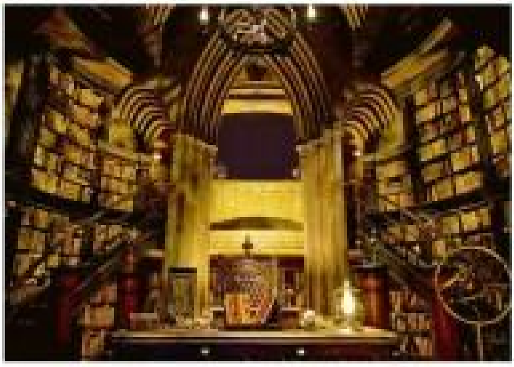






ALL ABOARD the Hogwarts Express

Now you can live your Harry Potter moments— in newest theme park



ALBUS Dumbledore's office at Hogwarts



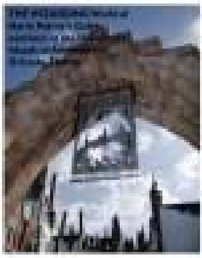
COMING SOON to a giant 3D screen in Universal Studios Hollywood



HAGRID the gamekeeper's hut at the edge of the Forbidden Forest

Competing attractions

Largest 3D attraction





HARRY Potter's Forbidden journey

Boracay is both party place and relaxing getaway

Boracay Garden Resort



TOP VIEW of Boracay Garden Resort



ABOVE (and below): Boracay Garden Resort's Premier Rooms

Dining at the garden

Rest and recreation



Boracay Garden Resort and SEAir's packages are available until May 31

How this Spanish hotelier found home in the Philippines

By Joy Rojas
Contributor

HE PEPPERS HIS PHONE conversations with words like *sige* and *salamat po*, and he is what onlookers describe as *mestizo*. But while there is not a drop of Filipino blood running through his veins, Miguel Cerqueda, president of Genesis Hotels and Resort Corp., and a Spaniard, considers himself "a Pinoy at heart," he says with all sincerity.

"The people, of course, the whole setup!" he exclaims when asked what he likes about the country. "I have no desire to relocate."

Who can think of relocating when what he's seen and where he's been? Though a resident of the Philippines for close to 40 years—and a well-traveled gentleman at that—Cerqueda remains in awe of the country, like a typical tourist discovering his surroundings for the first time. He shows pictures from his cell phone of the breathtaking Mayon, an obvious highlight of his recent trip to Bicol, and swoons over the dozen or so properties managed by Genesis.

He considers the beautifully restored 19th-century getaway Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar in Bagac, Bataan, as "very, very special, something that cannot be duplicated by anybody," and says that a visit to Marinduque's Bellarocca Island Resort and Spa will be unforgettable.

"I've seen it in my guests," he swears. "The moment they leave, men and women have tears in their eyes."

Still, if there's something this hotelier is proudest of, it's the superior service of Pinoys. "After traveling the world over, there's nothing like the Filipino in terms of hospitality," says Cerqueda, whose staff at B. Ponce Boutique Makati Avenue proved just that, displaying the utmost courtesy and making pleasant conversation while their boss was in the middle of a phone call. "If you want service, the best is going to be given to you by Filipinos."

Which is not to say of course, that he approves of all things Filipino. Cerqueda, for instance, does not tolerate the notorious "Philippine time" (Pinoys are notorious for, but he can relate to our tendency to resolve things with a *bahala na*, the rough equivalent of his country's *mañana* habit. "Foreigners will say, 'What the heck is that?'" he says. "But you know what? There is a tomorrow, and for me personally, it's very gratifying."

As such, this "Pinoy at heart" not only hopes foreigners and Filipinos will appreciate what the country has to offer ("high-class possibilities at affordable rates") through the premier hotels, condotels, full-service apartments and resorts handled by Genesis, he'd also like to see Pinoys reach their full potential in the hotel and hospitality industries. "If they are able to manage multinational companies," he observes, "why not a hotel?"

Son of hoteliers

The eldest son of hoteliers, Cerqueda was all of three months old when he was first groomed, in a manner of speaking, for the family business. As owners of a 15-room property in the principality of Andorra, a tiny and tourism-driven country between France and Spain, his mother managed the front desk and housekeeping duties, while his father was in charge of the restaurant. As for little Miguel? "I was in the kitchen with my grandmother," he says with a chuckle. Cerqueda was 16 when his parents sent him to hotel school in Lausanne, Switzerland; it was also there where he met his wife of 42 years, the Filipina Christine Arguelles.

At 24 and while on his first ever trip to the country to visit his wife's family, he was invited to manage what is now Bistro of Hotel Intercontinental. This led to career opportunities in the hotel's chains in Jakarta and Saipan.

In 1977, an irresistible offer to work for the then newly renovated and reopened Manila Hotel saw Cerqueda back on these shores. The post was for food and beverage director, but with every yearly contract came a new designation. "So I signed up for another year, and then another. Before I knew it, it was 20 years!" says Cerqueda, who eventually became the hotel's general manager.

Grand plans lured Cerqueda in 1985 when his friend and mentor, then CEO and Philippine Airlines president Roman Cruz Jr., proposed an international expansion of the Manila Hotel, then deemed one of the seven best hotels in the world. "His idea was to have, in every city where Philippine Airlines would land, a Manila Hotel manned by Filipinos," says Cerqueda, who promptly flew to Beijing, San Francisco and London to lay the groundwork.

The project was scrapped in 1986 in the aftermath of the People Power Revolution—but not Cerqueda's other dream: to establish a company that will help owner-developers start their own hotel business.

"More often than not, people say, 'Let's have a hotel.' So they hire an architect, and he may have a beautiful drawing, but if he has not lived in a hotel or doesn't know the anatomy of a hotel versus an ordinary building, it can be difficult," says Cerqueda who is guided by years of knowledge and experience.

Idea of relaxation

Ironically, this head of hotels and resorts scattered all over the country doesn't unwind the way we do. Cerqueda's idea of relaxation is "going from one hotel to another, sitting down with the general manager, and checking out the property. "To me, this is relaxation," shrugs Cerqueda who also likes a good game of football. "What can I say?"

He does enjoy traveling, though, and has gone up and down the archipelago numerous times—"except to Aparri," he interrupts suddenly. "I haven't been there yet."

If all goes as planned, Cerqueda may include China and Vietnam in his itinerary. Inspired by the idea initiated by his friend and mentor 25 years ago, Cerqueda is exploring the possibility of Genesis managing international resorts.



MIGUEL Cerqueda

For 40 years, he's been rediscovering the archipelago, and is now proud of Bellaroca and Las Casas

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AT THE My City, My SM launch at SM City Lucena, Lucena's pride, world-renowned beauty expert James Cooper and Buddy's Restaurant owner [illegible] with SM VP for Marketing and My City, My SM project head [illegible]

BEAUTY EXPERT JAMES Cooper has led a charmed life. He was the first Filipino makeup artist to Hollywood stars like Farrah Fawcett, Victoria Principal, Barbara Carrera, Jamie Lee Curtis and [illegible] [illegible] "Staying Alive."

He worked with celebrity [illegible]

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SM CITY Lucena has brought SM's one-stop shopping, leisure and entertainment excitement to Quezon province.

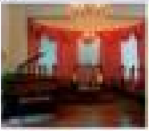
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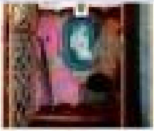
Philippine Daily Inquirer: As an international beauty expert, many people find it surprising that you come from Lucena. What was it like growing up there?

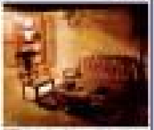
Cooper: My family migrated to Lucena in 1958 during my last years in elementary. I spent my entire high school days in Lucena, [illegible]

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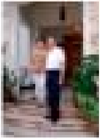






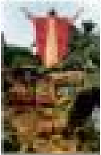
Quezon's Art Deco houses, centuries-old churches

The province is a treasure trove of heritage architecture and culture





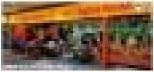




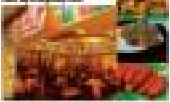




'Chami,' 'longganisang' Lucban, 'pansit habhab,' 'budin'–Quezon is a foodie paradise

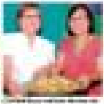










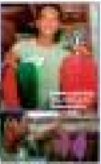


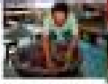




Why potter Ugu Bigyan and 'kiping' maker Rolly Tiopes love summer





















James Cooper talks about beauty, Lucena and SM



JAMES Cooper at the Beauty section of the SM Department Store in Lucena. Beauty by SM now carries his new makeup line in selected branches.

full of different kinds of fish, squid, prawns and crabs were a common sight at the port.

All the rivers were clean back then. You could see your feet through the clear waters. I wish people were more conscious of the environment back then.

PDI: How did you get into the beauty business?

Cooper: After high school, I took Fine Arts in US, where I spent two years before completing my college course at the Long Beach City College.

I later moved to New York, where I got a job as a gift wrapper at the Henri Bendel. Right in front of the store was a Max Factor makeup counter, which fascinated me no end. When I was not busy, I would put on makeup on the salesladies. One day, the Max Factor supervisor saw me and apparently liked my work. She asked me to join them, and that's how I began my career as a makeup artist. The first model I worked with was Beverly Johnson.

PDI: You must have been starstruck with all the celebrities you got to work with.

Cooper: Yes, it was amazing. I got to work at Calvin Klein cosmetics where I was a supervisor, and then for Revlon.

I had the privilege of working with Cher for eight years, and doing makeover sessions at the "Phil Donahue Show."

PDI: Why then did you choose to come back home to the Philippines?

Cooper: When I was working in Beverly Hills, Ricky Reyes asked me to come home to conduct a seminar for Filipino hairdressers. He told me that they were so proud of me, but at that time, I was like, "What am I gonna do there?" I was having the time of my life. I had been away for 20 years, so I said no.

But Ricky never gave up. He kept on asking me, and on the third year, my sister, whom I haven't seen since I left the Philippines, called, telling me that my pamangkins were growing up without knowing me. So I said yes to Ricky Reyes and decided to come home for two weeks.



After the seminar, which was attended by 3,000 participants, Ricky took me to Iloilo. The two weeks went by so fast so when my pamangkins took me to the airport, I started to cry. That was it.

When I went back to the US, I realized I left my heart here. So I started coming home more and more until I finally decided to settle here.

PDI: Apart from establishing your very successful beauty line in the Philippines, you have become very active in civic projects in Lucena. Is this your way of giving back?

Cooper: I have been chairman of the Pasayahan, a non-government organization dedicated to promoting Lucena and improving the lives of its residents, for two years.

During my term, I helped build an eight-classroom school through the generous sponsorship of SM Foundation and the Office of the Mayor. I thought of going into the school project after visiting the old school, and the sight of the dilapidated school building made me cry.

I am still active in the school project. I am in the process of finishing a nice library and getting sponsorship for computers for the school.

I am also active in Lucena's cultural events like the Santacruzan, and the Chami festival, which I initiated. Chami is our own version of the pancit, and we help promote this through events like the chami eating contest, the making of the longest chami noodles, and street painting, the works from which we display in SM.

With all of this, I was happy to be awarded as a Son of Lucena by the Mayor.

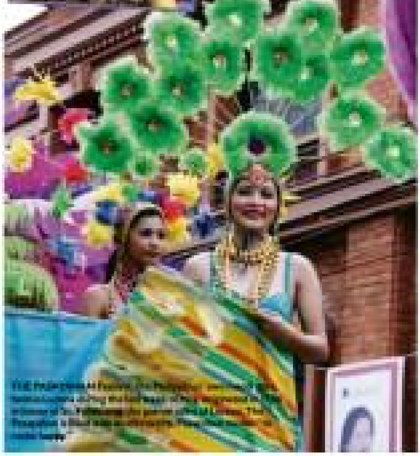
PDI: How do you think SM has affected the lives of people in Lucena?

Cooper: SM has become a part of the community, re-defining shopping standards through its mall. SM has also participated in projects like the construction of the school, and takes an active part in our cultural festivals. It really has it all.

PDI: Do you shop at SM?

Cooper: I actually do business with SM. After launching my cosmetics line in SM Makati in 1984, I have put up James Cooper cosmetics counters in other stores. It has been almost 25 years since I opened my cosmetics counter at SM.

When in Lucena, I am at SM almost every day. I love to eat in the mall's dining places, watch movies, buy groceries, and shop for toys with the children. I know of people from nearby provinces who shop at SM City Lucena.

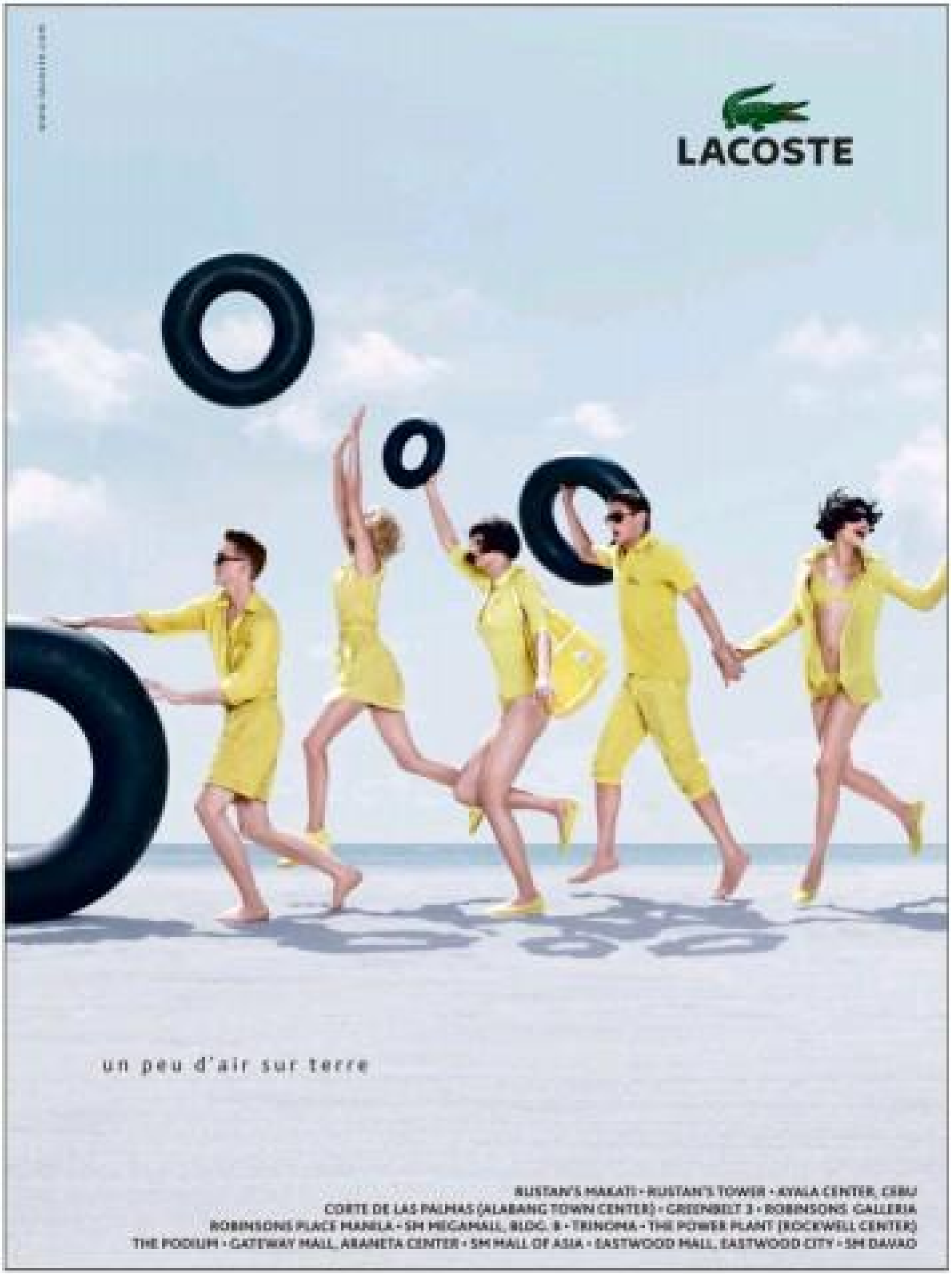


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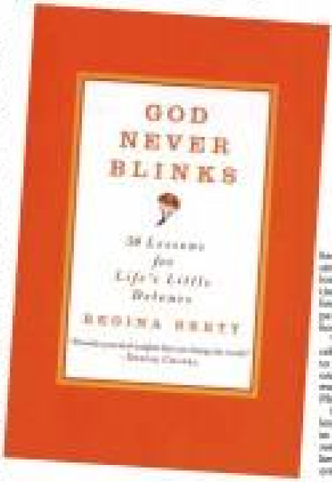
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'It's okay to get angry with God; He can take it'

By Rosario C. Borja



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Should she separate from her bum husband?



Airline tops on-time performance for AAPA airlines



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Abe Museum opens in the foothills of Mt. Arayat













How to be a parent, friend and teacher to our children

Roots and Wings



Make the child aware of the dangers, but let him flex his muscles safely





Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to Inquirer Lifestyle, P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the senders.





SISON-MARCOLILLA

Joy Sison, son of lawyer Antonio Sison Jr. and Milagros (Salgado) Sison, will wed Cleng Marcolilla, daughter of Saliani Marcolilla and Teresita Trinidad Marcolilla, on June 10 at Santuario de San Antonio, Makati. Reception will follow at The Manila Peninsula Hotel, Makati. The bride will wear a diagonally tiered ivory chantilly silk and pure silk chiffon gown by Michelle Roxas.

MELENCIO-ARRIAGA

Rova Arriaga, daughter of Guillermo and Valentina Arriaga, will wed Hector Melencio, son of Oscar and Elizabeth Melencio, today (May 30) at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Intramuros, Manila. Eric Pineda designed the bride's gown using ivory Mikado silk. The bodice has a stylized "patadyong" in diamond guipur crafted with swiss beads and seed pearls. The gown has a detachable overskirt in silk embellished with a Philippine floral pattern. In keeping with the modern Filipiniana motif, Eric Pineda also designed the female entourage gowns in turquoise and purple organdy and thai silk. Reception will follow at the Manila Hotel.

VILLANUEVA DEBUT

Oscar and Rhodora Villanueva threw a party for their youngest daughter Sofia at Hotel on January 17. Each gave a piece of wisdom to Julie on her journey toward womanhood.



How to have worry-free wedding

PAMASKONG PLEXI WITH PNBK. Below is a collateral-free personal loan product that one can access via ATM card to provide ample cash to pay for special occasions such as weddings. Its ATM feature provides access to day and night banking from hundreds of PSBank, Metrobank, Bancnet, MegaLink and Expressnet ATMs nationwide and MasterCard ATMs worldwide.

Here are a few tips for a worry-free wedding:

- Be organized. Have arrangements with wedding suppliers finalized a week before the special day.
- Delegate tasks.
- Pack travel bag with travel documents and place them where they're easily accessible.
- Sleep well and avoid watching TV, eating and drinking coffee or alcohol.
- A healthy breakfast or several petite meals within the day can ensure you the energy to enjoy the wedding.
- Bring an emergency kit. This will include extra panty hose, clear nail polish for runs, facial tissues, aspirin, bandaids and sewing kit with safety pins.
- Always have bottled water available.

For inquiries, e-mail info@psbank.com.ph or call the PSBank Customer Service Hotline at 8-458888.

Jollibee's 'langhap-sarap' Yumburger awarded as Most Pinoy Burger

The Yumburger received a special citation as successful Filipinized version of hamburger at 'Sooo Pinoy (Evolving Filipino Flavors): National Search for the Ultimate Pinoy Dish'

By Fran Katigbak

"LANGHAP-SARAP"—translate this into any other language and risk losing its essence. The phrase aptly describes the food of homegrown fast food chain Jollibee.

The restaurant's menu is built on flavors that could very well define Pinoy comfort food—mouthwatering burgers, fries, fried chicken, spaghetti, desserts—and more adapted to suit the Filipino palate.

Some 700-plus branches here and overseas attest to Jollibee's popularity.

Last year, the branch opening in Queens, New York, attracted so much anticipation from the Fil-Am community that even The New York Times couldn't help but notice.

Mark Foggin wrote in an article published Feb. 13, 2009: "The Filipino-American community centered in Woodside, Queens, has been eagerly awaiting the opening of a Filipino food-chain restaurant called Jollibee, and describing its dishes in breathless, almost reverent tones."

Soul food

To emphasize his point, Foggin quoted two respondents who summed up how most Pinoys feel about Jollibee: "This is the taste of my childhood" and "this is Filipino soul food."

The Yumburger is one such soul food from Jollibee's menu. Who could forget the taste and aroma of the signature beef patty in between soft, warm bun oozing with burger dressing in every bite!

Brand manager Kay Segismundo said the Yumburger fits the Pinoy palate so well because of its familiar taste. "It all starts with the burger patty, which is tasty, not bland, complemented by a special burger dressing," she explained.



Burger variants

Over the years, the hamburger has been developed into such variations as Yum, Yum with Cheese, Yum with TLC (tomato, lettuce, cheese) and double-patty versions.



Heavyweight versions like Champ and, available in select markets, Amazing Aloha are also offered. Made with 100% pure beef, 1/3-lb patty, both are ideal for those with heavy appetites.

Coming up with variants didn't mean Jollibee has deviated from the Yumburger recipe that clicked so well with Filipinos.

"The original langhap-sarap goodness that Pinoys have grown to love for over 30 years is still the same goodness that people enjoy in every bite of our Jollibee Yumburger," said Segismundo.



"From the preparation to the sourcing of ingredients, Jollibee has always maintained the same high standard of quality and taste to ensure that we only give the best products to our customers."

The Jollibee Yumburger recently received a special citation as successful Filipinized version of the hamburger at the culminating event of the campaign "Sooo Pinoy (Evolving Filipino Flavors): National Search for the Ultimate Pinoy Dish."

The campaign, sponsored by Unilever Foodsolutions in partnership with the Department of Tourism and Inquirer Lifestyle, was aimed at finding the people's favorite Pinoy dish among 10 uniquely Filipino dishes through SMS and online voting. It also sought to promote the beauty and versatility of Pinoy cuisine.

"We are honored and happy that our Yumburger received this special citation under the Sooo Pinoy campaign," said Gualberto.

"It is a testament to Jollibee's continuing commitment to offer products that are suited especially for the unique Pinoy palate."



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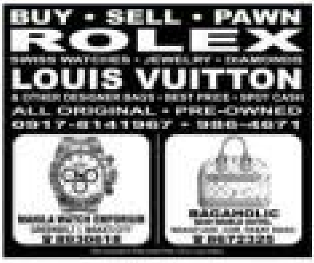


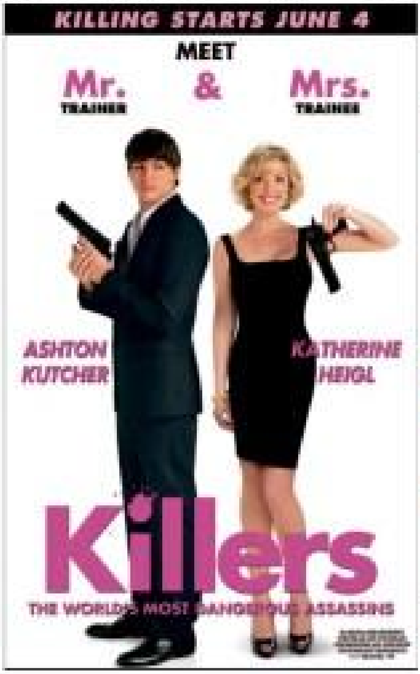
She hosts longest-running Pinoy talk show outside RP



Ruben V. Nepales





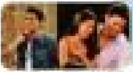




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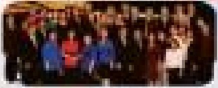










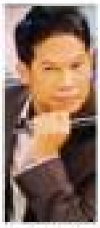


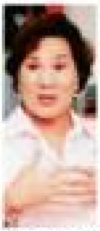




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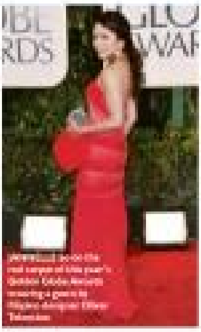
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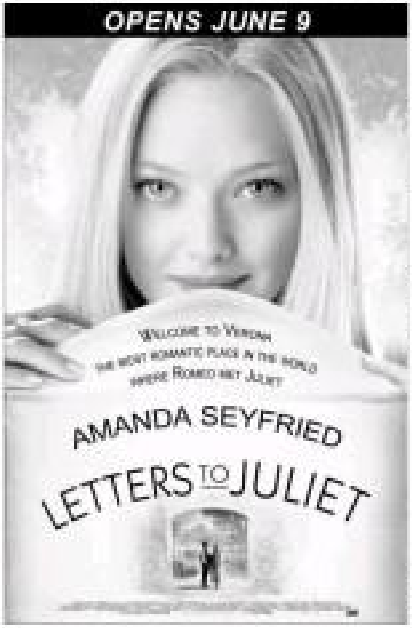




By John M. Aurelio

Heated argument





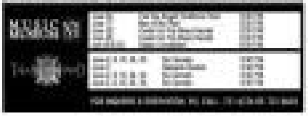












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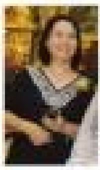
'Passion is what drives people. My passion is talking, obviously.'

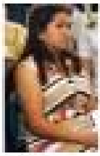
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Charice's 'done deal' sparks row







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